

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated June 30, 2005. Claims 1-19 were pending in the Application. In the Office Action, Claims 1-19 were rejected. Claims 1-19 remain pending in the Application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

As an initial matter, Applicants' representatives' custom is to send a Status Inquiry to the Patent Office when nothing has been received from the Patent Office with respect to any application filed over two years prior. In checking P.A.I.R. to obtain necessary information to complete such Inquiry in the instant case, it was noticed that the Patent Office had mailed the present Office Action. According to P.A.I.R., the subject Office Action was never received by Applicants and had in fact been returned by the U.S. Post Office to the Patent Office apparently due to an improperly addressed and/or prepared envelope (courtesy copy of entire downloaded Office Action, including the P.A.I.R. copy of the returned envelope enclosed herewith). The Office Action indicates a mailing date of June 30, 2005. However, the returned Office Action was not received by the Office until July 12, 2005, which appears to indicate that the Office Action was not initially mailed on or near June 30, 2005. The Office Action was never remailed by the Patent Office. Further, Applicants' respectfully remind the Examiner that if an office Action is returned to the Office, the Action **must** be stamped "remailed" with the date of remailing, and the period running against the application for responding to the Office reset to the date of remailing. M.P.E.P. § 707.13. The Office Action was never remailed, and the requirements set forth in M.P.E.P. § 707.13 were not followed for the instant Application, despite several telephone requests of the Examiner by Applicants' representatives. ✓

Nevertheless, in a good faith effort to advance prosecution, Applicants' representatives downloaded a copy of the present Office Action from P.A.I.R. and are timely responding despite the fact they were given less than two weeks of the original three month time period and despite the steadfast refusal by the Examiner to reset the period for response.

As a further courtesy, Applicants have amended the specification beginning on page 1 to include serial numbers of related applications. Favorable action is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the following actions were taken or matters were raised:

SECTION 102 REJECTIONS

Claims 1-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,477,651 issued to Teal (hereinafter "*Teal*"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Of the rejected claims, Claims 1 and 10 are independent. Applicants respectfully submit that *Teal* does not disclose or even suggest each and every limitation of independent Claims 1 and 10. For example, independent Claim 1 recites "determining the machine-readable signature file has an associated squelch comprising a squelch threshold and a squelch period" (emphasis added). In the Office Action, the Examiner refers to column 4, line 48 to column 5, line 8 of *Teal* as purportedly disclosing the above-referenced limitation(s) of Claim 1 (Office Action, page 3). Applicants respectfully disagree. *Teal* appears to disclose that a communications interface 26 accepts command and control instructions from a command and control module 28 and provides events, such as alarms indicating malicious or unauthorized use of the network, to an events module 30 (*Teal*, column 4, lines 52-56). *Teal* also appears to disclose an intrusion detection analysis engine 16 that accepts network data from a data collector converter 14 and communicates with one or more analysis objects 18 (*Teal*, column 4, lines 59-61). *Teal* further appears to disclose that the instance of the analysis object 18 of *Teal* allows the intrusion detection analysis engine 16 to determine whether a signature associated with the analysis object 18 exists in the network data, and if there is an indication of the existence of a signature or other analyzed event, intrusion detection analysis engine 16 communicates an alarm through intrusion detection system control interface 22 and communications interface 26 to the events module 30 (*Teal*, column 4, line 68 to column 5, line 8). *Teal* does not disclose or even suggest, in any manner whatsoever, a "squelch" as recited by Claim 1, much less a "squelch threshold" or a "squelch period" as recited by Claim 1. Thus, *Teal* does not disclose or even suggest,

either in the portion of *Teal* referred to by the Examiner or elsewhere in *Teal*, “determining the machine-readable signature file has an associated squelch comprising a squelch threshold and a squelch period” as recited by Claim 1 (emphasis added). Accordingly, for at least this reason, *Teal* does not anticipate independent Claim 1.

Independent Claim 10 recites “determining the machine-readable signature file has an associated squelch comprising a squelch threshold and a squelch period” (emphasis added). At least for the reasons discussed above in connection with independent Claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that *Teal* does not anticipate independent Claim 10.

Claims 2-9 and 11-19 that depend respectively from independent Claims 1 and 10 are also not anticipated by *Teal* at least because they incorporate the limitations of respective Claims 1 and 10 and, also, add additional elements that further distinguish *Teal*. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claims 2-9 and 11-19 be withdrawn.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submits the rejection of Claims 1-19 is improper and should be withdrawn.



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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 October 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 October 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
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DETAILED ACTION

This office action is in response to application filed on October 31, 2001. Original application contained Claims 1-19. Therefore, Claims 1-19 are pending for further consideration.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Teal (U. S. Patent 6,447,651).

1. Regarding Claim 1 teal teaches and describes a method of analyzing frames at a node of a network by an intrusion prevention system executed by the node (Fig.1), comprising:
reading the frame by the intrusion prevention system (col.4 line 16 to line 28);

comparing the frame with a machine-readable signature file (col.4 line 29 to line 40);
determining the frame has a frame signature that corresponds with the machine-readable signature file (col.4 line 41 to line 47); and
determining the machine-readable signature file has an associated squelch comprising a squelch threshold and a squelch period (col.4 line 48 to col.5 line 8).

2. Regarding Claim 10 Teal teaches and describes a computer-readable medium having stored thereon a set of instructions to be executed, the set of instructions, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform a computer method (Fig.1) of:

reading a frame (col.4 line 16 to line 28);
comparing the frame with a machine-readable signature file (col.4 line 29 to line 40);
determining the frame has a frame signature that corresponds with the machine-readable signature file (col.4 line 41 to line 47); and
determining the machine-readable signature file has an associated squelch comprising a squelch threshold and a squelch period (col.4 line 48 to col.5 line 8).

3. Claims 2-4, 7-8, and 11 are rejected applied as above rejecting claims 1, and 10.

Furthermore, Teal Teaches and describes a system and method, further comprising

As per Claim 2 disabling execution of a directive of the machine-readable signature file if a frame counter exceeds the squelch threshold (col.5 line 9 to line 35, col.5 line 45 to line 51).

As per Claim 3 incrementing a frame counter upon determination that the frame signature corresponds with the machine-readable signature (col.45 line 45 to line 60).

As per Claim 4 determining whether the squelch period has elapsed (col.5 line 35 to line 51).

As per Claim 7 executing a directive of the machine-readable signature file upon determination that the squelch threshold has not been exceeded (col.4 line 28 to line 58).

As per Claim 8 suppressing execution of a directive of the signature file upon determination that the squelch threshold has been exceeded (col.5 line 35 to line 60, and col. 4 line 16 to line 40).

As per Claim 11 a set of instruction that, when executed by the processor, cause the processor to perform a computer method of periodically incrementing a squelch period timer assigned to the machine-readable signature file (col.4 line 48 to col.5 line 60).

4. Claims 5, 6, 9, 12 are rejected applied as above rejecting claims 3, 4, 8, and 11.

Furthermore, Teal Teaches and describes a system and method, further comprising

As per Claim 5 initiating a new squelch period upon determining the squelch period has elapsed (col.5 line 35 to line 60).

As per Claim 6 determining if the squelch threshold has been exceed by the frame counter (col.4 line 16 to line 40).

As per Claim 9 wherein suppressing execution of a directive of the signature file further comprises suppressing execution of report generation associated with the determination that the frame signature corresponds with the machine-readable signature file (col.5 line 9 to line 22).

As per Claim 12 determining if the squelch period timer equals or exceed the squelch period (col.5 line 35 to line 51).

5. Claims 13-19 are rejected applied as above rejecting claim 21. Furthermore, Teal Teaches and describes a system and method, further comprising a set of instructions that, when executed by the processor, cause the processor to perform a computer method of

As per Claim 13 re-initiating the squelch period timer upon determination that the squelch period timer equals or exceeds the squelch period; and incrementing a frame counter upon determining the frame signature corresponds with the machine-readable signature file (col.5 line 9 to line 60).

As per Claim 14 determining if a frame counter exceeds the squelch threshold (col.5 line 9 to line 35, col.5line 45 to line 51).

As per Claim 15 suppressing execution of a directive of the signature file upon determination that the squelch threshold has been exceeded by the frame counter (col.4line 16 to line 40).

As per Claim 16 executing a directive of the signature file upon determination that the squelch threshold has not been exceeded by the frame counter (col.4 line 28 to line 58).

As per Claim 17 suppressing execution of a directive further comprises suppressing execution of a report generation associated with the determination that the frame signature corresponds with the machine-readable signature file (col.5 line 9 to line 22).

As per Claim 18-19 determining if: the squelch is enabled, the squelch is disabled (col.4 line 48 to col.5 line 60).

Conclusion

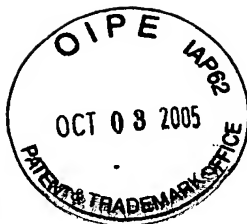
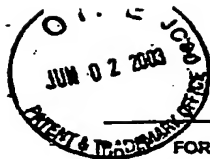
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Syed Zia whose telephone number is 571-272-3798. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 to 5:00.

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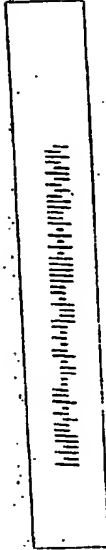
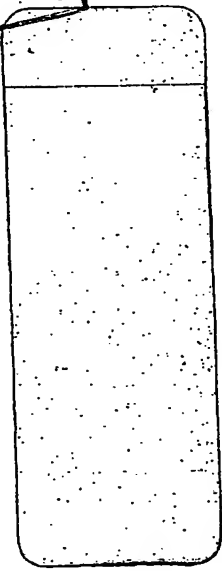


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CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for immediate allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and full allowance of all pending claims.

No fee is believed due with this Response. If, however, Applicant has overlooked the need for any fee due with this Response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment associated with this Response to Deposit Account No. 08-2025 of Hewlett-Packard Company.

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